

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently amended): A method for inducing a protective immune response against *Salmonella* in protecting a susceptible human or animal ~~from infection with a pathogenic~~ bacterium, comprising administering an effective amount of vaccine comprising a live[[.]] attenuated *Salmonella* bacterium ~~of a genus selected from the group consisting of *Escherichia*, *Yersinia* and *Salmonella*~~, said *Salmonella* bacterium not having a functional tRNA^{leu}₅, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (Cancelled)